

Morganza, Louisiana
December 17th 1862.

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The Order for the Consolidation of our Regiment & the 67th Indiana is now here, & the Mustering Officer is now at work on the necessary papers for the purpose of effecting it. Capt. Brooks & Lieut. Bumbley will both be mustered out of the Service under the Consolidation.

I had the happiness & pleasure of receiving this morning a very welcome letter from you written on the 8th instant, from which I was glad to learn that you & the dear Children were all well. I long for the time to roll around when I shall have the exquisite pleasure of greeting & embracing you all. If I find that I have to remain here some 3 or 4 days, I will write to you again, otherwise I shall not write again until I see you.

In regard as to what Kellie had best do in regard to going to Paoli, he probably had better not make any permanent arrangements until I get home.

Hoping to see you all soon. I send my kindest regards to all enquiring friends. Kiss the dear darling Children for me, & believe me, Dearest Mary, as ever.

Yours Affectionate & Devoted Husband
A. H. Gray.

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